

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
 EXAMINING GROUP 1712  
 PATENT  
 Customer No. 22,852  
 Attorney Docket No.: 7991.0006-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bomi M. Bilimoria

Application No.: 09/870,442

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE  
 HIGH AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY  
 OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE  
 PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM

Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: R. LOVERING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

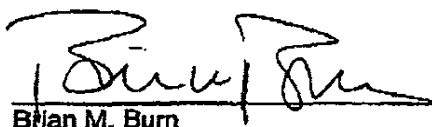
Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of July 16, 2003. Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00, as well as any additional required fees, to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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 GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: November 17, 2003

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